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SUBJ: GOES CONTROL APPARENTLY RESTORED IN SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN
AREA

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 1484, (B) SAN SALVADOR 1446

1. MEDIA AFTERNOON MARCH 29 CONTINUED TO GIVE FRONT-PAGE
AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO INCIDENT IN SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN
(SEE REFTELS). ALL PAPERS CARRIED ALL OR MAJOR PART OF
ARCHBISHOP ROMERO'S RADIO INTERVIEW AND OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
WHICH STRONGLY IMPLIES GOES-SUPPORTED ORDEN GROUPINGS
INSTIGATORS OF CONFRONTATION WITH CHURCH-SUPPORTED BPR, UTC
AND FECCAS ELEMENTS. ADDITIONAL COMMUNIQUE FROM PRESIDENTIAL
INFORMATION SECRETARY COL. FLORES LIMA CARRIED IN
ITS ENTIRETY PRETTY MUCH RESTATEMENT OF GOES MARCH
27 COMMUNIQUE PLACING BLAME ON BPR AND ASSOCIATES.
PRESS ALSO CARRIED PHOTOS AND INTERVIEWS WITH
"SUBVERSIVES" CAPTURED IN AREA AND INITIAL GROUP
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TURNED OVER TO COURTS.

2. PRESS MORNING MARCH 30 SHOWED MARKED DECREASE IN
COVERAGE OF SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN ACTIVITIES, CONCENTRATING
ON FIFTEEN PRISONERS (OUT OF 60 OR MORE PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED AS ARRESTED) TURNED OVER TO JUDICIAL SYSTEM.
FIFTEEN, INCLUDING THREE WOMEN, ADMITTED BEING MEMBERS

OF FECCAS AND/OR UTC BUT FOR MOST PART DENIED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS OF PAST WEEK. SEVERAL PRISONERS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ACTIONS IN SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN AREA WERE UNDERTAKEN BY ELEMENTS OF FECCAS, BPR AND UTC TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND THAT ORGANIZERS AND LEADERS CAME TO AREA FROM SAN SALVADOR AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

3. DATT INFORMED BY GOES SECURITY FORCES THAT APPROXIMATELY 40-60 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL ALVARENGA MADE SWEEP OF AREA REPORTEDLY BEING CONTROLLED BY "SUBVERSIVE FORCES" ON MARCH 29. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE BPR ELEMENTS FLED OCCUPIED AREAS IN FAVOR OF ARMED, UNIFORMED NATIONAL GUARD FORCE AND BY 7 PM ENTIRE AREA CALM AND GOES IN FULL CONTROL. NO MEDIA COVERAGE OF NATIONAL GUARD ACTION, AS YET, AND NO REPORTED CASUALTIES AS RESULT OF OPERATION.

4. COMMENT: SOMEWHAT SURPRISING AFTER EXHAUSTIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF INCIDENT INDICATING LARGE CONCENTRATION OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN AREA THAT SMALL NATIONAL GUARD FORCE COULD RESTORE ORDER WITH NO APPARENT RESISTENCE AND NO PUBLICITY. SECURITY FORCES, HOWEVER, ARE SPECULATING THAT HARD-CORE AGITATORS HAVE WITHDRAWN TO EL PAISNAL AREA (NEAR AQUILARES AND SITE OF FATHER GRANDE'S ASSASSINATION IN MARCH 1977 AND PREVIOUS BPR ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER 1977 - SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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